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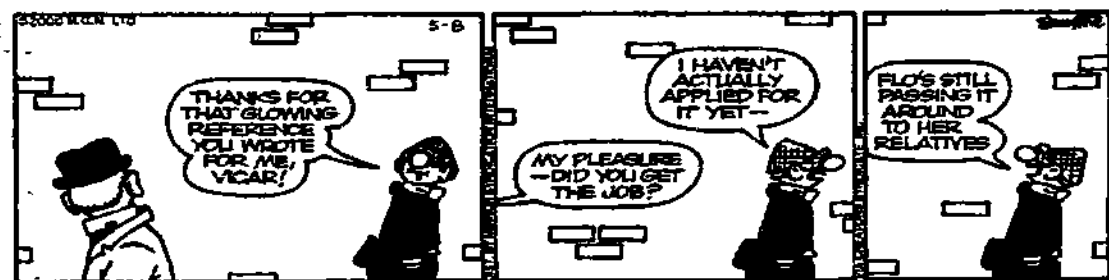
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



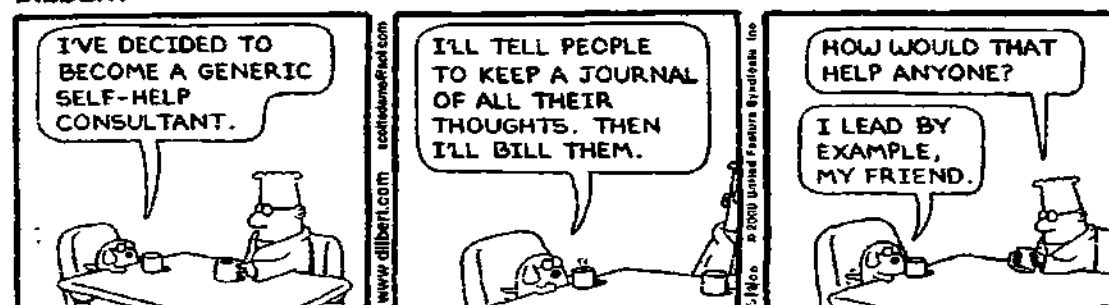
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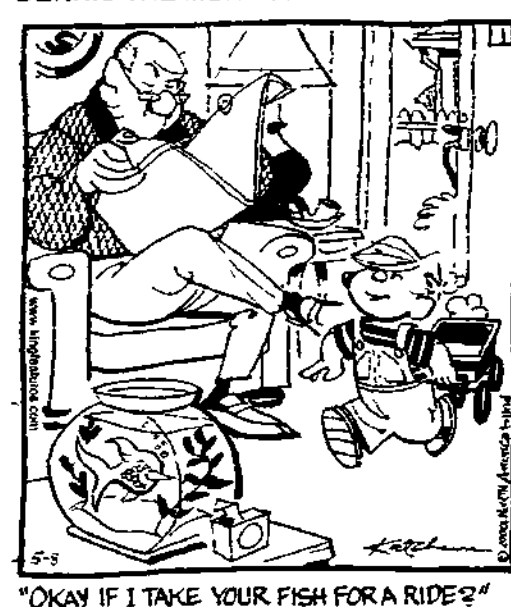
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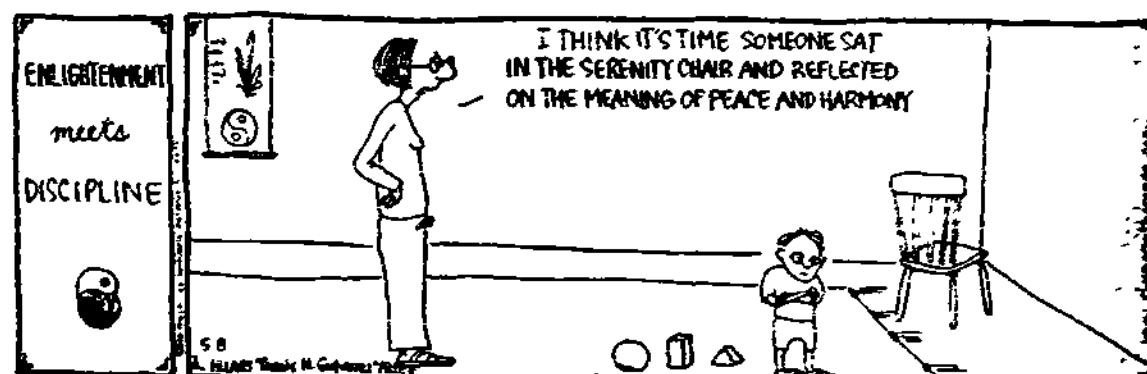
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian Don Rickles is 74. Environmentalist Sir David Attenborough is 74. Author Peter Benchley is 60. Actor James Mitchum is 59. Singer Toni Tennille is 57. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 49. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 49. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 45. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 36. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 25.

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PAR SCORE 105-115 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter has no point value. A Judd's words are in "The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary" (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc. 1975). Official Scrabble Words (Chamberlain) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-8

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WORD SLEUTH

REMOVE 1ST & LAST LETTER TO MAKE ANOTHER WORD

H R S Q N L J G E C Z X V Y T
R P E N L R E V O L C J T H E
C A Y G W V S T R L P I N L K
S E T A R I P R I U G E C B
Z C X W U U S M E Q Y R P O Y
M R C R U M B L E D E L J O H
I A G P R E S I D E N T S M T
M Y N O R C A E D B O A A I A
Y O X S T H G I E H L W L K P
U N T S Q E Y E L L A W P S A
O S N L D E C N U O B K J E I

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unused clue hint: SEAFARING ROBBERS

Acronym: Burger, Crumbled, Islanders
Apathy: Climb, Equity, Presidents
Baloney: Clover, Eskimo, Walleys
Bounced: Crotons, Heights

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HOROSCOPE

Tuesday, May 9

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Family issues take up most of your time. An older family member might need your advice or assistance.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to get together with people you haven't seen in a while.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to take a close look at your financial situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Making amends is possible. An apology is accepted as long as it comes from your heart.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You might feel like you're on autopilot. You might want to spend as much time alone as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might find yourself attending a large gathering. Mingle as much as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You feel like you're in an emotional tornado as the people around you express their feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Find someone who thinks like you do to have a deep conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be flexible. Have an alternate plan in case the first one falls through.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) There are ideas everywhere; just keep your eyes and your mind open to them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) There are a million details to take care of.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Have fun by creating something new.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

"My plan would have worked if West had five spades. It was the 6-2 spade break that did me in."

"Right and wrong," corrected North. "Your plan would have worked against a 5-3 spade break, but you overlooked a cinch to win against either break."

West led the spade king, and South contemplated his next move before committing himself. If he took dummy's ace, what would he do at trick two? With dummy's only entry gone, he would have to choose between the minors at trick two. Rejecting that plan, he ducked West's spade king, intending to finesse his jack on the next round. Then he would enjoy a minor-suit discard on dummy's spade ace. Unfortunately, West led a low spade at trick two, and dummy's jack won. But when South tried to cash dummy's ace, East ruffed, forcing South to overruff. And when the diamond queen didn't drop doubleton, South conceded four losers and one down. (Luckily for South, a critical North failed to notice the potential squeeze and endplay on West.) To simplify the play, South should win dummy's spade ace at trick one and draw trumps. Then a spade toward dummy's jack paralyzes West. He must win and either lead to dummy's spade jack or lead a minor. Either way, South avoids a fourth loser and claims his game and rubber.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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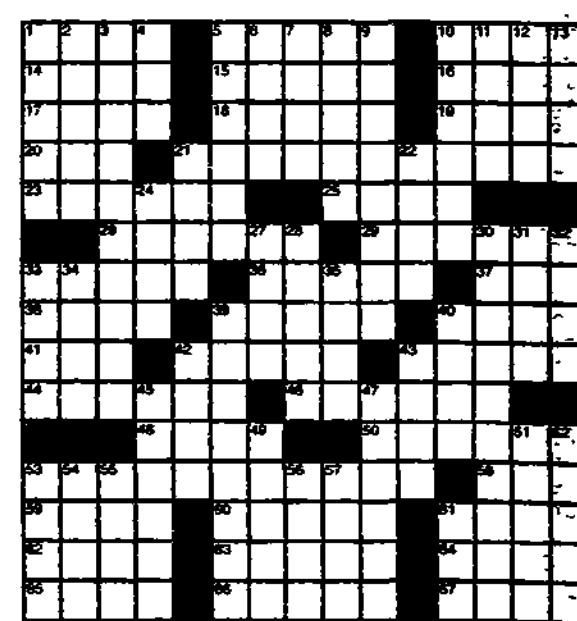
- ACROSS**
- Linemen's protectors
 - Light-refracting crystal
 - Marmes
 - Coward in "The Wizard of Oz"
 - Author Bret
 - Like this type: Abbr.
 - The New Yorker cartoonist Peter
 - a time (individually)
 - Kind of wrestling
 - Buddhist discipline
 - Soul singer from California?
 - Slowly, to a conductor
 - Bullfight bull
 - California prison
 - Big airplane engine
 - Lustrous gems
 - Levi's material
 - Coronado's gold
 - Prayer opener
 - Kind of boom
 - Fake
 - Grayhound, e.g.
 - Heard, but not seen
 - Intelligence
 - Old-time Japanese governor
 - Tired and true
 - What are the
 - St. Petersburg's Hermitage, e.g.
 - Pop singer from Texas?
 - Wizards and Magic org.
 - Grad
 - Mt. Everest locale
 - "... calling"
 - Italian money
 - Jelopy
 - Darjeeling and oolong
 - Hit the runway
 - Snake shapes
 - Johnson of "Laugh-In"

DOWN

- Public square
- On TV
- Country singer from North Dakota?
- ... Cat (off-road vehicle)
- Snaps
- Indian princess
- Infurates
- Get the ball rolling
- Momentarily dazzling
- Opposite of ignorance
- Sewing case
- Cousin of "Phoebe"
- Wade (through)
- Works at the Louvre
- Short drink
- Olympian's quest
- Nose fiddler
- Work (road repair sign)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ASHTRAY ARARAT
THERAPY SERILE
NOW IS IT POSSIBLE
ARTIST ABIT RST
NETHER DIG COPE
DDY RICE NOHAIRO
SOSA VESCO
TORONTO UNOFTEN
ANORA PARE
BELAYS DAWG EAT
LOIN ELD HATARI
ENS EREI AMERCE
TOHAVEACIVILWAR
ONEGIN TREELINE
PESTLE ENRAGED



30 Folk-rock singer from Colorado? 47 Bears 55 Becomes a traitor

31 Great times 48 Ligants 56 They'll get you in hot water

32 Scholarly book 51 German sub 57 Noted gallery

33 Outcast or Eighty Eight 52 Parsonage 61 loss for words

34 "Tush!" 53 Mail (London street)

35 Christie's "Death on the..." 54 Inter

36 Big film festival name

37 Envsages

40 Autobahn car

42 Flabbergast

45 Became angry

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